PRDG, MESA Win Top National Design Awards
for T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center

DALLAS—For designing a unique haven of comfort and support for end-of-life patients, their families and caregivers, PRDG architects and MESA Design Group landscape architects will each receive an Award of Merit at the 2015 Environments for Aging (EFA) Conference in Baltimore, April 18-21.

The Dallas firms are receiving two of only five awards given for overall design in a field of 59 project submissions to the 2015 EFA Design Showcase. Winners will be featured in the spring edition of Environments for Aging magazine.

Competition jurors were selected by The Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments, The Center for Health Design, The International Interior Design Association, and The American Society of Interior Designers.

First in the nation

“The T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center is the first campus of its kind in the nation and Dallas’ first freestanding hospice,” reported Paul Donaldson, AIA, LEED® AP, PRDG principal in charge of the architectural portion of the project. “What makes it unique is the balanced design that serves five centers of excellence delivering a comprehensive approach to end-of-life care,” Donaldson said.

Joining Donaldson on the architectural design team are Gordon Gilmore, AIA, LEED® AP, designer; Tyler Washburn, designer; Sean Thomson, NCARB, designer; Kathryn Busch, AIA, LEED® AP, senior project manager; Mike Gonzales, AIA, LEED® AP, project architect; and Jennifer Keto, LEED® Green Associate, architectural team member.

Owned and operated by Presbyterian Communities and Services (PCS), the campus represents the outcome of intensive research and review of the best hospice services, education and training in the nation. Led by Godwin Dixon, CEO and president of PCS, and Ric D’Amico, PCS director of project development, the nationwide research culminated in a complex integration of five centers in one location

• Inpatient Care Center, featuring 36 inpatient rooms with sleeping accommodations for an attending family member or friend, plus an outdoor patio/balcony that accommodates a queen-size bed should a patient wish to enjoy the outdoors. Other amenities include family living rooms, four guest suites, kitchens, sunrooms, library, meditation room, music room, and a café.

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- Education and Resource Center, providing research and training facilities, large meeting rooms, administrative offices, a resource library, and a model patient room for hands-on learning.
- Spiritual Care Center, an all-faiths chapel, both inviting and consoling, features soothing water features, stained glass windows, warm walnut finishes, and natural stone.
- Child and Bereavement Center, a counseling center to be built in Phase II
- Outdoor Reflection Center, a Phase II component that integrates architectural features with a 5.4-acre lake, gardens, courtyards, trails, a labyrinth, amphitheater, outdoor living rooms and patios.

### Bringing outdoors in
International planning and landscape design firm MESA, led by Stan Cowan, ASLA, principal in charge, and Joe Steffes, ASLA, LEED® AP, senior project manager, took advantage of the abundance of existing natural features on the nine-acre site located just north of Medical City-Dallas Hospital.

Each of the 36 inpatient rooms has an open patio/balcony facing an expansive view of the lake and terraced gardens that accentuate rooms on three levels. These gardens provide for private, semi-private and public areas, enabling a thoughtful balance of social interaction and privacy. The lake is the centerpiece and organizing feature for the upcoming Outdoor Reflection Center.

### Opening in 2016
Campus construction began in January 2015 and is expected to be completed by fall 2016. In addition to the T. Boone Pickens Foundation donation of $18.4 million, other major donors include the Harold Simmons Foundation ($10 million) and the Hamon Charitable Foundation ($3.5 million).

The hospice is projected to serve some 1,800 patients annually. Additionally, the adjacent Education and Resource Center will provide training for clergy, physicians, social workers, nurses in training, and other caregivers.

PRDG (Paul Ryan Design Group), founded in 2013 by Paul Donaldson, AIA, LEED® AP, and Ryan Robinson, AIA, LEED® AP BD+C, NCARB, has grown from a team of 13 professionals at opening to 22 in its Travis St. offices overlooking Dallas’ Turtle Creek and the Katy Trail. The healthcare and senior living specialists are known internationally for their innovative design and novel solutions to architectural challenges throughout the nation.

MESA Design Group, founded in 1981, is an award-winning landscape architecture, planning and urban design firm based in Dallas. In 2010 it opened a second office in Abu Dhabi. MESA has completed projects on five continents and 15 countries.